

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A debris collection system for use with a portable blower/vac having a fan outlet through which debris is ejected when the blower/vac is operated in a vacuum mode, which comprises:

(a) a collection bag that in a debris collection mode is sufficiently enclosed except for a debris receiving inlet such that debris passing through the inlet is collected and retained within the collection bag, the collection bag having a longest dimension;

(b) a connecting hose releasably coupling the inlet of the collection bag to the fan outlet of the blower/vac; ~~and~~

(c) a wheeled cart for releasably receiving the collection bag and for supporting the collection bag in the debris collection mode with the longest dimension of the collection bag extending more horizontally than vertically, the collection bag being detachable from the cart in a debris disposal mode; and

(d) wherein the cart has front and rear ends that are spaced apart from one another, and wherein the longest dimension of the collection bag fits between the front and rear ends of the cart.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The debris collection system of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the collection bag has a front end and a rear end which lie respectively adjacent the front and rear ends of the cart when the longest dimension of the collection bag is fitted between the front and rear ends of the cart.

4. (original) The debris collection system of claim 3, wherein the cart has laterally spaced, upwardly extending side walls, and wherein the collection bag

has a shorter dimension that fits between the side walls of the cart when the longest dimension of the collection bag is fitted between the front and rear ends of the cart.

5. (original) The debris collection system of claim 4, wherein the side walls of the cart lie inboard of the wheels of the cart.

6. (original) The debris collection system of claim 3, wherein the front and rear ends of the collection bag are releasably secured to the front and rear ends of the cart when the collection bag is supported on the cart.

7. (original) The debris collection system of claim 6, wherein the front end of the collection bag is releasably secured to the front end of the cart by an attachment flange on the collection bag releasably received in a slideway on the front end of the cart.

8. (original) The debris collection system of claim 6, wherein the rear end of the collection bag is releasably secured to the rear end of the cart by a strap on the rear end of the collection bag slipped around the rear end of the cart.

9. – 17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The debris collection system of claim 1, wherein the collection bag is a reusable collection bag made of a relatively permanent fabric material, the collection bag being configured to allow air to pass out of the collection bag as the collection bag collects debris in the debris collection mode.

19. – 24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) ~~The debris collection system of claim 24;~~ A debris collection system for use with a portable blower/vac having a fan outlet through which debris is ejected when the blower/vac is operated in a vacuum mode, which comprises:

(a) a collection bag that in a debris collection mode is sufficiently enclosed except for a debris receiving inlet such that debris passing through the inlet is collected and retained within the collection bag, the collection bag having a longest dimension, wherein the collection bag is made of a flexible material to allow the collection bag to collapse and expand;

(b) a connecting hose releasably coupling the inlet of the collection bag to the fan outlet of the blower/vac;

(c) a wheeled cart for releasably receiving the collection bag and for supporting the collection bag in the debris collection mode with the longest dimension of the collection bag extending more horizontally than vertically, the collection bag being detachable from the cart in a debris disposal mode; and

(d) wherein a zippered opening is provided in the collection bag to allow the zippered opening to be unzipped to empty the collection bag of collected debris in the debris disposal mode.

26. (previously presented) The debris collection system of claim 1, wherein the longest dimension of the collection bag extends substantially more horizontally than vertically when the collection bag is received on the cart in the debris collection mode.

27. – 29. (canceled)

30. (original) A debris collection system for use with a portable blower/vac having a fan outlet through which debris is ejected when the blower/vac is operated in a vacuum mode, which comprises:

(a) a collection bag;

(b) a connecting hose releasably coupling the collection bag to the fan outlet of the blower/vac;

(c) a wheeled cart for releasably receiving the collection bag and for supporting the collection bag for movement over the ground; and

(d) wherein the connecting hose is coupled to the cart at a location that allows the cart to be pulled by the connecting hose and to roll and trail behind the blower/vac as a user operates the blower/vac and walks forwardly with the blower/vac.

31. (previously presented) The debris collection system of claim 30, wherein the connecting hose is coupled to one end of the cart.

32. – 37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) The debris collection system of claim 31, wherein the cart has a pair of wheels that rotate on a common axis for rolling the cart over the ground, and wherein the wheels are located closer to the one end of the cart to which the connecting hose is coupled than to an opposite end of the cart.

39. (previously presented) The debris collection system of claim 30, wherein the cart is configured to roll on the ground and trail behind the blower/vac in the manner of a canister vacuum cleaner as a user operates the blower/vac and walks forwardly with the blower/vac with a longest dimension of the collection bag being substantially more horizontal than vertical.

40. (previously presented) A debris collection system for use with a portable blower/vac having a fan outlet through which debris is ejected when the blower/vac is operated in a vacuum mode, which comprises:

(a) a collection bag having a longest dimension;

(b) a connecting hose releasably coupling the collection bag to the fan outlet of the blower/vac;

(c) a wheeled cart for releasably receiving the collection bag and for supporting the collection bag with the longest dimension of the collection bag extending more horizontally than vertically; and

(d) wherein one end of the collection bag is releasably secured to one end of the cart by an attachment flange on the collection bag releasably received in a slideway on the one end of the cart.